BAR HILL NEWS

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HGV's

The problems caused in our village by HGV's are discussed at every Parish Council meeting. The Council has asked the Highways Agency for a sign to be placed on the A14 as drivers approach Bar Hill, indicating that lorries should **only be entering the village if they have deliveries.** This request was refused on the grounds that another sign could not be accommodated on the A14. We have also asked for a weight limit to be applied to the village but this has been **refused** on the grounds that there are insufficient HGV's travelling along the ring road.

We have been negotiating with the County Council for "pinch points" to narrow the road in the hope of deterring lorries from entering the residential area unless they have deliveries to make. The Parish Council has indicated that it is willing to pay for these, but there has been a delay in their design. **The Parish Council would be interested to hear the view of residents on this proposal.**

Recently the Parish Council had a meeting, arranged by John Reynolds, with a member of the County Council who has put forward various suggestions for trying to help to relieve the problem. These are being considered at the moment, but the County Council representative did warn the Parish Council that each action could have some **undesirable results**: in a nutshell, if the drivers are prevented from parking in certain places they will go elsewhere in the village to park. The Parish Council is very concerned that any measures which are taken should not result in the lorries parking in the residential area – in the cul de sacs for instance.

The Police hold a neighbourhood panel meeting every 3 months when they ask residents what they would like the priorities for policing to be. Your Councillors always attend these meetings, and the subject of HGV's is raised every time. Occasionally the Police do have a blitz and issue tickets to lorry drivers who are parked irresponsibly or dangerously. The Police do tell us, however, that they cannot have a continuous Police presence in the village because they do not have the resources. Notices about these meetings will be around the village and on the Parish Council's website, and **any member of the public is entitled to attend and put their point of view.**

Many of the problems we see in this village are because there are insufficient lorry parks. This is a national issue and we have raised it with our member of parliament. I believe at long last the various agencies are beginning to work together to try and help.

The frustration which I know many residents feel is nothing to that felt by the Parish Councillors. Unfortunately the Parish Council has no power to do anything on the County Council's roads (ie those within the village) or on the A14 (which is the responsibility of the Highways Department).

If you feel strongly about this issue please write to the County Council Highways Division and put your point of view. The more people who write the more likely it is that your voices will be heard.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman
Parish Council

Copy date for the next issue is 15th September to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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Dear Editor

Replying to my anonymous detractor, who appears to be some kind of builder, and also supposedly a Christian, I am offended that my friend's comment on the appearance of the church here should be turned into a personal attack upon me. Personal attacks, so frequent in BHN, are not in the spirit of compassion and understanding that Jesus taught us.

Your anonymous letter writer seems not to understand that there is a spiritual issue here. What kind of house I live in does not alter in any way the difference between profane and sacred buildings. The house one lives in is profane. So it has modern comforts and looks like a house. Modern buildings made from cheap bricks, concrete and softwood like those in Bar Hill are also have serious structural problems, and will last a lot less long than ones built of stone by good masons. A church is supposed to be a holy building, a sacred House of God, beautiful and lasting in praise of our Creator. Sadly, Bar Hill church does not express the glory of God to those who see it and mistake it for a Fire Station, whether or not it has magnificent damp-proof courses. The congregation in Bar Hill church does not even pray towards the East, as Christians have done since the days of Constantine. It appears that the Bar Hill church building was designed deliberately to defy all the sacred conventions that the Christian religion has cherished since the earliest times, in some kind of attempt to be 'modern'.

John Lucas

Dear Editor

I would like to make a plea for anyone in the village who is aware of a very neat recipe book printed in about 1972. It contains many recipes of residents of Bar Hill in the early days. Front cover "Recipes of Residents". Cost 5/- and under that 25p so getting ready for decimalisation. We would like to know if there are any still about or is it possible to have a reprint? Resident Mrs A Harris has a copy and showed it to many of us and much interest was shown to get a copy. If you can help, thanks.

George

10 Gladeside *(Tel 201481)*

Dear Editor

I feel I must respond to John Doland's letter in August Bar Hill News. I would like to thank him for his suggestions on how to proceed with the HGV issues. I would like to thank him outlining how to proceed with the frequently recurring HGV issues. He seems to assume many things:

1. He assumes I have not checked what the Parish Council is doing about the ongoing problem of HGV's in our village. I can assure him I have and see what appears to be buck passing, blaming everyone else and doing very little.
2. He assumes that it is a one off problem of the vehicles breaking down in the slip road to Stonefield: it is not. It occurs fairly regularly. These vehicles appear to have a problem on the A14, pull into the village and Stonefield slip road is the first place they can stop or turn. It is **DANGEROUS** as they obstruct the vision of vehicles leaving Stonefield; I have seen several near misses when cars pull out blind into the path of oncoming traffic.
3. He assumes that I have not been in contact with the Parish Council. I have sent several photos to them. It is not always possible to take photos as, when I am awoken in the small hours of the morning when some of these vehicles are using Stonefield to turn, by the time I have gone downstairs and picked up my camera the offending vehicle has gone. I say the Parish Council appears to be doing nothing: I read in the minutes that my problem was noted and filed (no action). Indeed some of my emails to them have not even been acknowledged.
4. He feels I am being mean spirited complaining about the broken down vehicles. I am sure that if he were regularly awoken by HGV's he might be less than generous. These vehicles should not be in the residential area in the first place performing hazardous and irresponsible manoeuvres.
5. I suggested some simple and cost effective options to help solve this problem (yellow lines and weight restriction signs) he has completely ignored these.

Whilst making these assumptions Mr Doland's response seems disrespectful with a condescending tone. Surely we should be unified it trying to solve this issue. I have been pursuing, and will continue to pursue this issue with our councillor and MP, but felt that the BHN and Parish Council would also be interested.

I see that a J Doland is a is a member of the committee who noted and filed my complaint: if this is the same person, I believe he is biased and too close to see their faults. This committee, have simply noted and filed my complaint. Perhaps he doesn't recall noting and filing my complaint!

With this kind of attitude from the Parish Council and members it discourages residents from reporting problems and has a negative effect on the quality of our village.

Brian Webb

Stonefield

More letters☞

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Dear Editor

Roger Hall states in his District Councillor's report that the choice for council house tenants is which one of 3 housing associations they wish to be with. It gives the impression that the decision has already been made to transfer the management of and housing stock from South Cambs District Council to a housing association.

As I understand it the transfer can only happen if the tenants themselves vote in favour of it – a vote which has yet to take place.

Would Roger Hall explain why he omitted to mention this in his report?

John Doland

Robin Close

Dear Editor

I would like to know why strimming the edges of our grass verges and around trees, lamp posts, road signs, fences etc is no longer carried out by the grass cutter. Cutting the grass is only doing half the job. It never looks finished and this is a real topic of conversation when standing at my bus stop. Is it merely a question of cost cutting? As my father used to say, "A job worth doing is worth doing well."

Whilst on the subject of grass cutting, could someone please tell me who is responsible for cutting the bottom part of the growth by the cycle path leading up to Dry Drayton? The top section was cut some weeks ago but the bottom half now resembles a jungle and the bench is almost hidden from view. This really looks a mess and needs sorting out.

(*Name withheld at writer's request)*

Dear Editor

So far I have had no reply to my appeal in the Bar Hill News for the small book, the property of Mr and Mrs Pavey of St Neots Road, Hardwick. To my knowledge I have never lost anything from my deep pockets before and this is what is known as Murphy's or Sod's law. As the weather that day was dry and warm the book must have come to no harm and was obviously picked up by someone who is reluctant to give it up.

I have pedalled a great many miles on my tricycle with notices around Bar Hill but there has been no response. The Club Badge on the cover showing a Comet and an oval can't be missed. The "Comet" Cycling Club disbanded many years ago and was amalgamated into the "Lea Valley", "Crescent", "University" and "Shaftesbury" but those mementos and can't be bought any more.

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Henry R Morris

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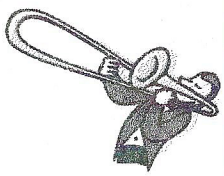

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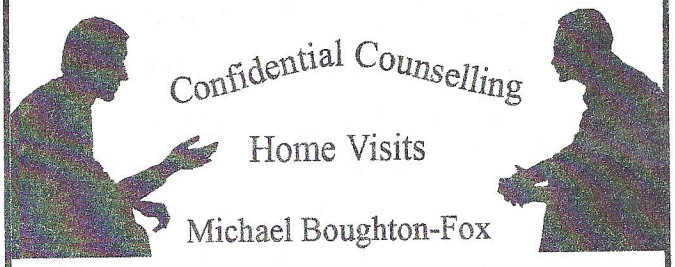

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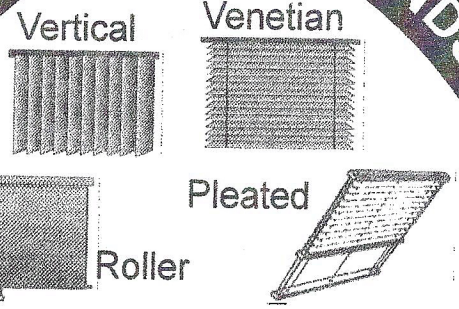

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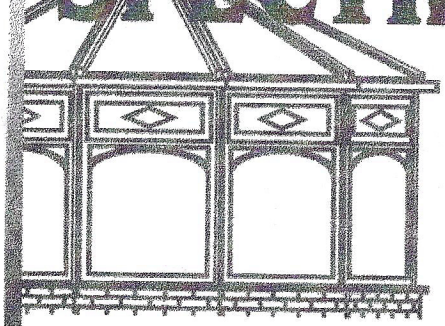

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CRICKET CLUB

By the time you read this, the season will be over. Well, either that or we'll all have drowned in a vain attempt to actually play our national summer sport. We can't remember a year where so many matches have been cancelled – and when you throw in the odd occasion when the opposition have been unable to field a team, it's been a frustrating time to say the least.

In between the weather, both league teams have held their own at the higher levels since promotion last year.

The firsts won back-to-back matches against Burrough Green and Whittlesford, captain **Mark Thompson** hitting 42 and Sam Clare 41 against the former, before a devastating spell of 5 for 23 by **David Rush** sealed a nerve-jangling 10-run win.

The victory over Whittlesford was equally tense, with **Craig Driver's** composed 22 not out the key innings on a low-scoring day. **Rush** had earlier added four wickets to his haul.

However, Ashwell proved too strong, despite three wickets for **Adam Dean** and 25 runs from **Jim Neal**.

In the Cambridge Evening News 20-20 Cup quarter-final, Bar Hill put in a sterling effort against Senior League One team Barrington, holding the hosts to 141 for 6, but struggling to get on top of the bowling in reply, despite **Nathan Dean** and **Martin Cullum** hitting 28 not out and 21 not out respectively.

The seconds put in probably their best performance of the season to dismiss St Ives IV for 61, with **Tom Levitt** leading the way with 4 for 22, although every bowler was on top form. The batsmen then completed a seven-wicket win.

In the defeat at Chatteris, **Neal Suckling** took three wickets and **David Fletcher** hit 36.

Next season, we intend to launch a third team on Saturdays, probably playing home matches at Swavesey Village College. Any extra players, or **volunteers** to share tea-making, scoring and taxi duties would be most welcome. Please contact the number below.

The only friendly to survive the weather was against Elmdon – who made fairly short work of a depleted Bar Hill side.

Sadly, the match against the Social Club "Wrinklies" was abandoned when the heavens opened early in the second innings.

On the youth side, the under-15's narrowly missed out on winning their league, while the under-14's held their own in a strong league featuring the likes of Cambridge Granta and Saffron Walden. A young under-12's team also made great strides during the year.

Many thanks to everyone who visited our barbecue on fête day, and to Andy's Kars for their support – and may we add our own thanks and congratulations to the Fête Committee for once again putting on a terrific day.

Our next event is the **end-of-season party and presentation on September 20.** Tickets will be on sale shortly to members and their families (and carefully vetted hangers-on and groupies), so please contact me on the number below if you would like some.

For new adult members or any other queries, contact me on the number below.

As ever, keep up to date with the latest news by visiting the club website, www.barhillcricket.org.uk

Paul Stimpson
782475

BAR HILL COLTS F.C

Wahey! Season of 2008-09 is on the way. This means lots of paper work, pre-season friendlies, white lining pitches and much more for the managers and committee to do so that the club can enjoy hopefully another successful season. After weeks of pre-season training all players and managers are excited for their first game of the season some in new leagues, on bigger pitches and with more players.

COMMITTEE

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Saturday 6th September

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away against Cambourne
Steve's Under 10's
home against Gamlingay

Sunday 7th September

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Darryn's Under 12's
away against Buckden
Tony's Under 13's
away against Brampton
Justin's Under 14's
home against Celtic
Jairo's Under 16's
away against Fulbourn
Barry's Under 17's
home against Godmanchester

Saturday 13th September

Tim's Under 8s
away against Caldecote
Vicky & Linda's Under 13 Girls
away against Balsham
Ruth's Under 16 Girls
home against Buckden

MORE THE MERRIER!

Matt and Andy will now be taking their Under 7 Bullets forward as a team in September. Tim and his assistant Pete train on Saturday mornings with their current Under 6's and would welcome any new faces. Here is an invitation for any boys or girls that want to play some football to come and join in the fun.

JUST FOR FUN

Here is a word search that hides 10 of the Colts team's nicknames. I'll give you one hint with our 2 new teams Tim's RAVENS and Matt and Andy's BULLETS. Other places to help are previous BHN pages or our website: www.barhillcolts.org.uk

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BAR HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

I am pleased that the Colts now have a representative that gives the club a link with the adult's team so Bar Hill football club can now support each other and represent the village as a whole-Thank you Barry Dean for organising this. First a huge well done to **Steve Callaghan** and **Stan Williams** in raising much needed funds with the 'Crossbar Challenge' at the Village Fete your efforts are very much appreciated.

The winner of the junior age group was **Jack Murry** whilst **Matt Leach** took 1st prize in the senior age group.

This season the 1st team will be playing in a new strip, kindly sponsored by **CAMTRONICS**. This new kit strengthens the ties between the Adult and Colts Clubs being blue and white stripes so all the village teams have a single identity.

We are again running three teams this season, with the 1st Team playing in the Senior Division and the 2nd Team in Division 1A of the Sunday League. The 'A' Team will be competing in Division 3A.

	MANAGER	TEL
1st team	John Houston	200951
2nd team	Simon Waters	07824 443122
'A' team	Stan Williams	200783
Chairman	Alan Hewings	201315
Secretary	Neville Watson	781488
Treasurer	Karl Konradt	200238

As we now have a sparkling new kit, we do have a number of old kits that we would be happy to pass to anyone who is interested. Please contact the chairman Alan Hewings, see contact details above.

NO RESPECT-NO REFEREES!

Bar Hill Colts fully support the new FA **'RESPECT'** initiative in response to 'the abuse and intimidation at grassroots level, and poor behaviour by over competitive parents towards their children as well as aggressive coaches and spectators on the sidelines'. To encourage new/young referees we will sign up to the **Respect** measures.

Vicky x

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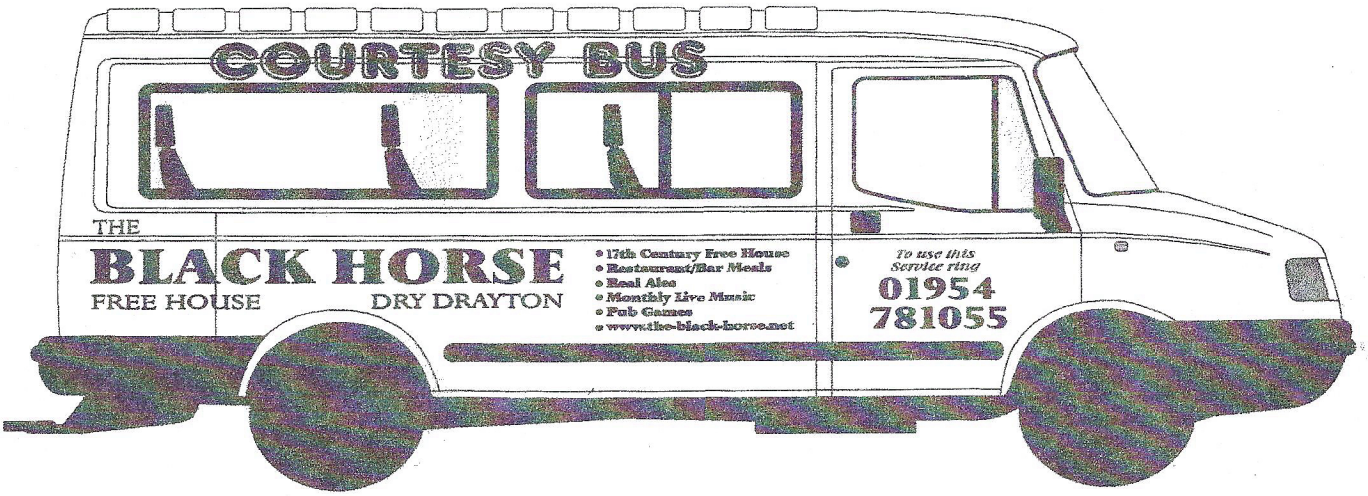

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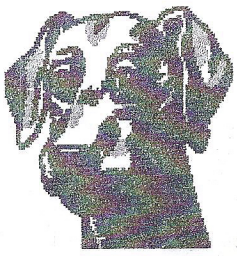

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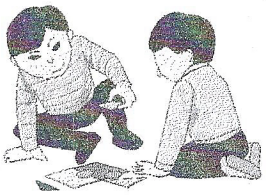
Parent and Toddler Group



Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).

The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.

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A14 AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS SAVING LIVES

The installation by the Highways Agency of the average speed cameras along the A14 between Cambridge and the A1 have proved a real success. In the past twelve months serious accidents have been reduced by some 80% as motorists take more care. Serious accidents fell from 11 to two. Overall, collisions dropped by 21 % and casualties by 25 %. Also the numbers of speeding tickets, which were running at around 90 per month, have now fallen to 31 for the whole year. This is all good news for motorists but the news everyone is waiting for is the date that contactors will start work on the full upgrading.

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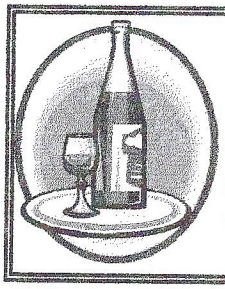

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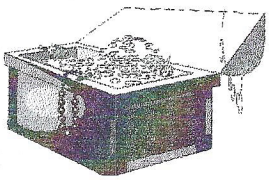

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4 September – enrolment evening – come along and join us for a glass of wine and a chance to have a chat with other members.

2 October – history and wildlife from Earith to Houghton

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings please join us in the school or phone Barbara on 204171.

NEW WINDMILL BRIDGE OPENS

The new Windmill Bridge at Over opened on 31 July after it was demolished and rebuilt as part of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway project.

The completion of Windmill Bridge means that the finishing of all three major spans being built for the Guided Busway is just months away. The two bridges left to finish, near Addenbrooke's and over the Great Ouse, are all near completion.

Windmill Bridge should have been open to traffic in June but construction was hampered by the need to divert additional utility services discovered after work began and further delayed by exceptionally bad weather. As a consequence the opening was given a new date of July 31.

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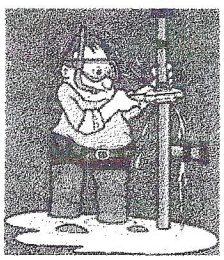

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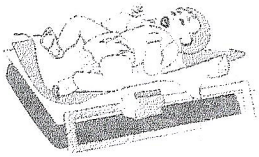

The Under Ones meet on a Tuesday, 10 till noon, in the Church Octagon (term time only). All are welcome – expectant and new mums, carers, grandparents, fathers. Refreshments are 50p. There are toys and books, and full changing facilities. It's a great chance to chat and relax, while babies sleep or play, and make new friends.

Contact Alwyn Keeves on 781050

Changes to bus timetables

Changes to STAGECOACH services: including former H & D and CAVALIER services effective 25 August 2008.

Journeys to Cambridge from Willingham, Over, Swavesey, Longstanton and **Bar Hill** replaced by revised service 15

Journeys to St Ives from **Bar Hill,** Longstanton, Swavesey, Over and Willingham replaced by revised service 15

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15 Evening St Ives > Cambridge Changes to existing timetable

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15 Evening Cambridge > St Ives Changes to existing timetable

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553 / 554 / 555 / 556 Huntingdon > St Ives > Fenstanton > Cambridge - Replaced by new 45 and 55 and revised 15

Revised 15 between St Ives, Fenstanton, **Bar Hill** and Cambridge

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Coffee and Kids

Run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents/carers/ childminders of babies and pre-school children. Come and join us on Thursdays (term time only) in the Octagon (Church buildings) from 10 am – 11.30 am. £1.80 per adult. Price includes coffee/tea/hot chocolate for adults, soft drinks and healthy snacks for children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.

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Children already attending or already registered with us will have received their special invites to come and look around on Weds and Thurs the **3rd and 4th of September.**

On **Friday 5th September** we are throwing open our doors to everyone, for the morning, where you are warmly invited to come and see what we are doing in our lovely new room! We will be on hand to show you around and answer any questions you may have. If you are thinking of pre-school for your child, this is an ideal opportunity for you to come and see for yourself what goes on!!

We look forward to seeing you then.

If you would like more information, please contact Sally on 201074 or Gail on 203229.

SWAVESEY AND OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS) DIARY OF EVENTS – AUTUMN 2008

All meetings are on Wednesdays

10th September 2008
"THE RISE & FALL OF THE SKYLARK"
A presentation with slides by Paul Donald

8th October 2008
"THE GALAPAGOS – ENCHANTED ISLES"
Presented by Christine Newell

12th November 2008
"WICKEN FEN AND FUTURE PLANS" Guest speaker from The National Trust

10th December 2008
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
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FRIENDS OF BAR HILL LIBRARY

The regular monthly Coffee Morning will be held on **4 September at 10 am – 12 noon.** The next Book Sale in the Library will be held on **4 October 10 am – 12 noon.**

Some dates of future events for your diary:
On **14 October** there will be a talk and slides by Dr Bill Block about "The Galapagos Islands". Tickets will be available in the Library closer to the date. Also, on **17 October** at 7 pm is The Friends' Annual General Meeting. Do come along as this is your chance to have your say. Mr Bernard Amps will be holding his usual monthly visits to help with Family History enquiries. All the details can be obtained on the notice board in the Library.

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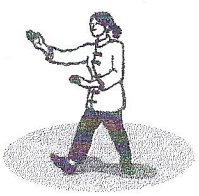

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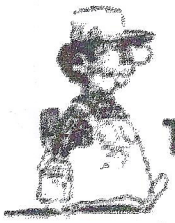

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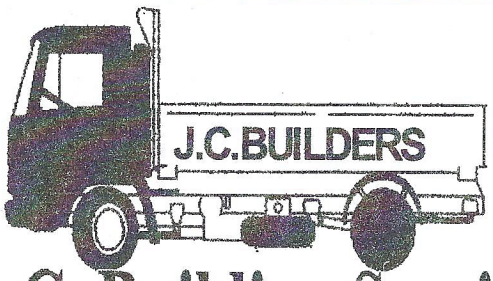

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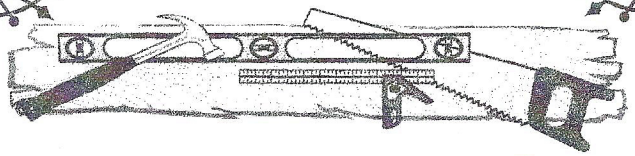

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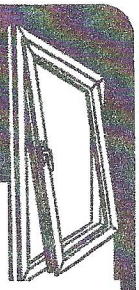

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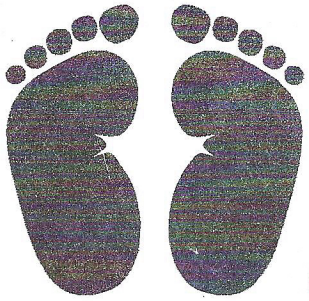

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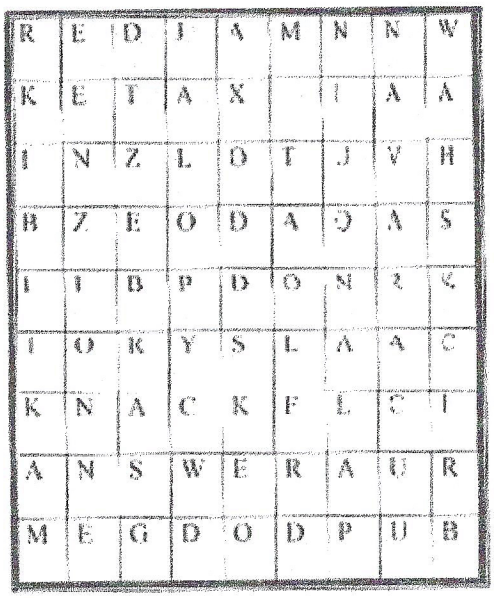

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The 26 letters of the alphabet appear at least once in the names of 9 vehicles. Can you find them? Reading forwards, backwards, vertically or obliquely.

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk. This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there

The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Theft

Please be aware that I have had a few residents inform me that their registration number plates have been stolen from their vehicles whilst parked overnight. Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious please call the police.

Project Funding

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Karen Mahoney, our PCSO, is holding police surgeries in the Parish Council Office every third Wednesday in the month between 10 am and 12 noon. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Police please come along and see her. No appointment necessary.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 18th September at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Bar Hill THE PLAYSTATION Out of School Club

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We are situated in a purpose built building next to the School, with direct access from the playground. We provide Childcare for children aged 4-11 in a safe and caring home-from-home environment, with trained and experienced staff.

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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times

After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday
School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday
Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring

These rooms are now available for hire to the community, at the discretion of the Committee. If you would like to hire The Playstation rooms please contact Patsie on 201079. If you would like to hire the pre-school room please contact Janine Swanser on 203095 or 07851803083. The kitchen and garden areas may also be hired out for an additional charge.

The current charges are:

	Charge/hour	Fixed price
Little Acorns main room	£7.50	
Playstation main room	£7.50	
Kitchen		£10
Garden		£10

There is a minimum hire charge of £25.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

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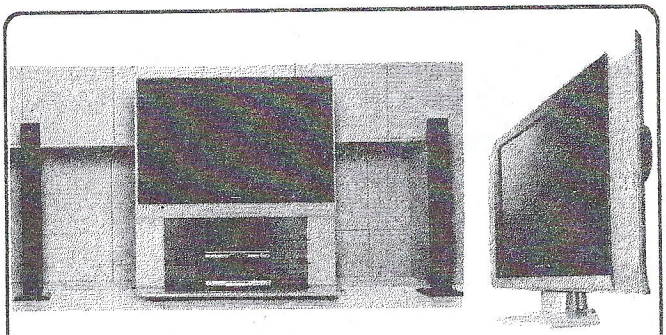
Bar Hill Out Of School Club



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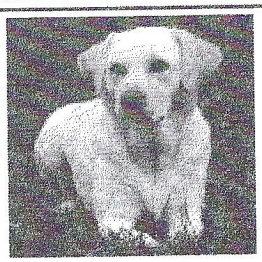

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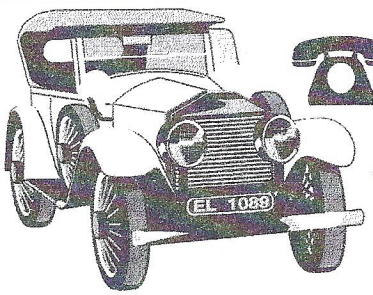
Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to call Amanda Bishop on 07903806750



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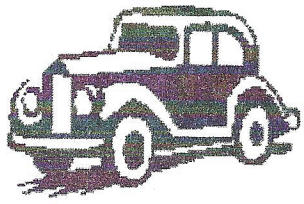

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We have found it necessary to do this, as the Village Hall setting was no longer big enough to accommodate all of the children whose parents wanted them to attend the pre-school. We found it becoming increasingly difficult to offer the sessions that were required and were building up a waiting list.

The pre-school will, from September, be running concurrently from both sites. The Church centre setting will offer full day care from 9-3 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday morning 9-11.30; with the afternoon, 12.30-3, being reserved for children in the year prior to commencing school. Friday, from 9-3, is also reserved for children in the year prior to commencing school. Lunch club is offered daily from 11.30-12.30.

We are also welcoming some new members of staff to the pre-school. Charlie is the new manager for the Church centre setting. We will also be joined by Irene; Michelle; Sonja; Hanna and Lorna.

We currently have some vacancies available in both settings. If you are interested in your child attending the pre-school, or want more information, please contact us on (01954) 782892, or pop in to see us. Alternatively, contact Sarah our session allocation co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

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Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday
This is our session for babies to Pre-School with Emma our Birth to Three Co-ordinator. We have lots of fun and a large selection of activities, including our new soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00 (rising fives)

We offer a lunch club 11.30 - 12.30 daily
For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 during session times or feel free to pop in and see us.
Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

Please note we are currently taking applications for 2008/09 entry

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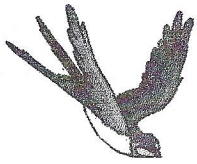
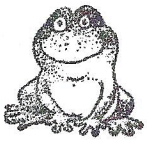


The Swallows

Across the meadow the swallows are flying,
Close to the buttercups they're cutting along.
Skimming the dog rose at the top of the hedgerow
Where an old blackbird sits, singing his song.

Yesterday I saw them wheeling and diving
Just before sunset, so high in the sky;
But now all the flies have come down from above;
The swallows they follow, so low do they fly.

The air's warm and heavy, rain's coming I reckon.
It always means rain when the swallows fly low;
Clever how nature changes the weather –
She's always got something to teach us, you know.



Nick Richardson

(If anybody sees anything interesting … or dead, please let me know (07786950684)

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and there's more…
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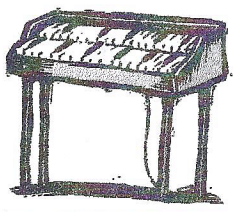

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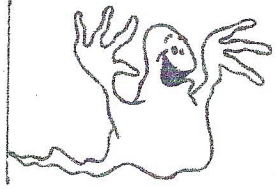
10th	Swavesey and Over Conservation Society – Rise and fall of the Skylark.
11th	NWR Cambridge Ghost Walk
20th	Cricket Club Presentation Evening
25th	NWR – Iceland

Mondays and Thursday - Weightwatchers



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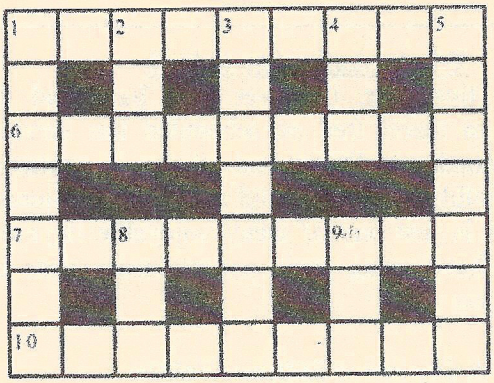
Down 1. strauss. 2. nod. 3. admiral. 4. own. 5. essence. 8. cup. 9. ash.



Clues for September

Across 1. peaceful army. 6. cares for books. 7. must have. 10. annoyances.

Down 1. rival of Mozart. 2. throw. 3. not for. 4. here in France. 5. flummox. 8. title. 9. atomic particle.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -
Services for September 2008

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sun 7th September	10.00 am	Family Communion : *Creation*
	6.30 pm	Creative Prayer
Sun 14th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship: *Abraham*
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Iona Community) : *Isaac*
Sun 21st September	10.00 am	Holy Communion : *Jacob*
	6.30 pm	Praise Service
Wed 24th Sept	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 28th September	10.00 am	All-age Worship : *Joseph Harvest Festival*
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass on Saturday evening at 6.00 pm

People to contact:

The Minister	Rev Ruth Adams	Tel: 78936
Church Centre Manager	Helen Cook	Tel/Fax: 206120

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Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre **Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday**

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday	8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday	6 pm First Mass of Sundays

Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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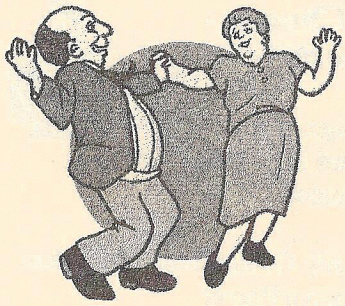
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on the second Monday or Friday of the month at the Parish Offices at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on 12 September.



Happy Hours The Re-cycled Youth Club

As we are coming towards the end of our year, and approaching the AGM I thought this would be a good opportunity to thank the members of our committee who work so hard to ensure our enjoyment. We have the two Terry's, Ernie and Fred, who attend quite early each Monday to set up the tables and chairs, and take an active part in organising and running the Club. Then we have the three ladies, Joan, Betty and Win, more recently joined by Rosalind, a great help, who have worked so hard to provide early morning tea and coffee, followed by many lunches, which are enjoyed by many of our members, and afterwards providing tea and cakes for the afternoon. We also have Phyllis, keeping an eye on things in the background. Finally, we have our Lady Chairman, Helen, who keeps the team together, keeps the Club running on an even keel, and organises our holidays and outings.

We also have other members of the Club, such as Keith Morris, always ready to help with the tables, and a few of our lady members who help in the kitchen after lunch. However, as some of our members are growing older, and perhaps a little slower in their activities, it would be appreciated if a few of our more active members would consider volunteering for the committee and perhaps putting into the Club some of the attributes which they have enjoyed week after week.

Letters A letter has been received from the Church thanking our members for their donation of £45 which was given to help with the children's holiday week. A further letter has also been received from Ruby Hunt, who is still in Addenbrookes Hospital recovering from a fractured leg following a recent fall. She says that she is making good progress, and wishes to thank everyone for letters and cards. Also thanks to those who have visited her husband Sid.

Flu jabs Names are now being taken for those members of Bar Hill Surgery who wish to have a flu jab. These will be given at the Club on Mondays 6 and 13 October.

Competitions The draw has now been made for this year's competitions, and is on view in the Club. Some 62 entries have been received and members are asked to play their games during the next two months. Winners of last year's trophies are asked to return them to the Club as soon as possible.

Outings Our outing to Southwold took place on Wednesday 6 August when we were fortunate to have dry, warm weather. Many of us spent most of the time in the town area where there were many interesting shops, and plenty of places for lunch. A few did venture onto the front for a long walk to the pier. On our return journey we called at Stoneham Barns just north of Stowmarket. This was quite an interesting site, with a café for tea, a garden centre, golf range, and many shops, with plenty of parking spaces. A place well worth a visit.

Sickness Phil Gater has shortly to return to hospital for a further operation, which we hope goes well.

Dennis Holt
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Where shall we go today?

From April this year, the over 60's have had the opportunity to travel free on scheduled bus services after 9.30 Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays, if they hold a free concessionary pass. This is just one of many enjoyable days out people can have using their concessionary pass on public transport.

A day out at Saffron Walden

Leaving Bar Hill at just after 9.30 on the 1A Whippet to Drummer Street bus station. Crossing the road into Emmanuel Street to catch hourly City 7 bus, this leaves at 10.15 and takes just over an hour to get to Saffron Walden. The City 7 has a 10-minute frequency and goes to other villages so make sure you catch with correct destination.

The journey is very interesting, first main stop is the Addenbrookes Hospital the bus weaves its way through the complex before travelling through Trumpington, Stapleford and Shelford. Travellers can then begin to enjoy the open countryside of South Cambridgeshire as the bus follows the river valley and glimpses of the river Cam or Granta can be seen.

The bus soon arrives at Sawston and it again weaves its way through the housing estates built in the 60's and 70's. Travelling onwards the bus reaches the attractive villages, (with some timbered houses) of Hinxton and Ickelton. It then crosses the main Cambridge to Liverpool Street railway line into Essex, entering Great and Little Chesterford before reaching Saffron Walden.

We alight at the High Street and wander through the narrow streets with small shops, which sell a wide range of goods. There are a variety of teashops and restaurants so there is plenty to sustain the traveller. Tuesday is market day with many varied and colourful stalls set out in the Market Square. You can get a free copy of the Town Trail map at the Tourist Information Centre in the market square, this trail will take you on a fascinating journey through the town seeing many historical timber framed buildings dating back over 500 years.

The bus returns to Cambridge from the High Street at 40 minutes past the hour.

Next month Where shall we go? visits Bury St Edmunds

John Reynolds